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3,473,160 Wahlstrom 10-14-1969

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Other Document

Stratix Programmable Logic Device Family Data Sheet, Altera Corporation, February 2002, pp. 76-104

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